Attempts to breach Bhakra Canal

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SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of attempts have been made by the militants to breach the Bhakra Canal the main water supply line for Chandigarh and Delhi, during the last three months ;

(b) if so, the delails of such attempts; how far the militants were successful and the manner in which the attempts were foiled/ prevented ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety of the main water supply line to the two Union Territories ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) On the night of 30/31st May, 1992 some miscreants attempted to breach Bhakra Main Line Canal at RD-30335/F near Ropar. A cut, about 1.5 ft. wide and 4.0 ft. deep, was made in the canal embankment and the lining face was also damaged. However, the water did not flow out and as such the breach did not take place. On the night intervening 6/7-6-92, the terrorists tried to breach the Bhakra Main Line canal near highway bridge, Ropar, but they could no succeed? On 12-6-92, a group of 6/7 militants made an attempt to breach the BML canal near village Doomsher (Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib) at 10·00 p.m. On being challenged by the police party on patrolling duty, they starte firing which was returned. In the close firing, one constable of PAP was killed on the spot while SP (Shri Sarup Singh) was injured. The terrorists fled away under the cover of darkness and could not succeed n breaching the canal.

The State Government have reported tha the security of the canal has been strengthened by installing more pickets, and intensive patrolling along the canal. Patrolling by army has also been intensified on this canal.

बरौनी तेल शोधक कारखाने की क्षमता

*318. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बरौनी तेल शोधक कारखाने की वर्तमान क्षमता कितनी है;

(ख) क्या यह तेलशोधक कारखाना संतोष जनक ढंग से कार्य कर रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानंद) : (क) से (घ) बरौनी रिफाइनरी की क्षमता 3.3 मिलियन टन प्रति वर्ष है किन्तु उत्तर-पूर्व से कूड तेल की सप्लाई कम होने के कारण रिफाइनरी क्षमता का पूरा उपयोग नहीं किया जा रहा है ।

Exploration of Tapti Gas Fields

*319. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation of funds for exploration of Tapti gas fields during the Eighth Five Year plan ;

(b) the quantity of gas likely to be allocated to Gujarat from this gas field ; an